



INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

November 13 – 17, 2006

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education have declared November 13 - 17, 2006 as International Education Week in observance of the many important contributions of international education to our nation; and

WHEREAS, international education and exchange include thousands of programs, public and private, campus-based and national, that promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across borders, including study abroad programs, citizen and scholarly exchanges, foreign students on U.S. campuses, area and foreign language studies, and global approaches to U.S. education; and

WHEREAS, by participating in such programs, our young people develop a greater appreciation and respect for other people and their cultures, and break down barriers to understanding and cooperation, which are vital to peace and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, we live in an increasingly interconnected world and improving global literacy among our citizens contributes significantly to our nation's foreign policy, economic competitiveness and national security:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim November 13 – 17, 2006, as “**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK**” in Washington, DC, and call upon all the citizens and institutions of the District to participate in celebrating this week and to recognize the importance of international education in our lives and communities.



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